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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2009, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, You hold all in good order, yet You give us the freedom of choice in the realm of good conscience.

It seems You achieve Your own good purposes in and through Your people, whether or not they know Your guidance or wait to learn from their own mistakes.

Be with all Your people today in the decisions they make as a free people. Provide them with insight on how to use their many blessings.

Even though You guide them by Your Spirit, hold them accountable for their deeds before Your divine tribunal and in the realm of democratic forum and public opinion.

By personal integrity and right judgment, help all Americans to establish credence before other nations, so that seeing our good deeds may they glorify You, our God, as our protector and guide, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. HIRONO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PROVIDING A TRUE DECLARATION OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Millions of Americans have been and are under the threat of violent weather changes,

floods, droughts, scorching heat, extraordinary cold, and food insecurity. We are running out of time to craft practicable, workable solutions to moderate the effects of global climate change brought on by global greenhouse gasses.

We are past the tipping point, and instead of talking about saving ourselves, we are talking about saving the coal industry. Our first steps on the path to a clean energy future will leave footprints caked in coal, because under the bill, U.S. fossil fuel emissions aren't required to fall until 2030. The bill will facilitate the licensing of 25 new coal-fired plants with free permits to pollute. It guarantee coal's future by spending \$60 billion on an unproven, leaky technology where CO₂ is pumped into the ground.

We can still save ourselves and our planet, or we can save the coal industry. We can have a carbon-free and nuclear-free world which comes into harmony with nature's god through the creation of tens of millions of new wind and solar microtechnologies which will lower energy costs and make for a true declaration of energy independence. I will soon be introducing a bill to accomplish just that.

The American people are waiting to be inspired with a vision and a reality of a green future.

CAP-AND-TRADE TAXES AMERICAN FAMILIES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

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